

# MONTGOMERY APC E-UPDATE

## A QUARTERLY BULLETIN

Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Health and Human Services

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- APC Connections Newsletter
- "Tool Talk"
- Presentations and Events

### The 2011 APC Line-up

- Montgomery, MD APC
- South Carolina Region 7 APC
- Toledo-Lucas, OH APC
- Tarrant County, TX APC
- Mesa County, CO APC
- San Francisco, CA APC
- Multnomah County, OR APC
- Seattle-King County, WA APC

[Find all of the APC sites here!](#)

### APC Connections

#### Newsletter

The APC network is now sending out a newsletter through NACCHO titled APC Connections to provide more information about the entire APC program. To sign up for the newsletter, go to [http://newsmanager.compartners.com/nacchoa/issues/subs\\_builder.php](http://newsmanager.compartners.com/nacchoa/issues/subs_builder.php)

#### "TOOL TALK"

We want to incorporate a new feature into the newsletter-YOU! Each quarter we will be highlighting a local health department, community organization or other group that has used a Montgomery APC Tool that we are titling "Tool Talk".

This quarter we are showcasing Mea Allen, the Director for the DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness and their use of the Flu Prevention and Care Guide. [Check out the article here.](#)

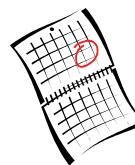
### PRESENTATIONS

Montgomery APC presented recently at the PHP Summit in Atlanta. If you were not able to attend, you can find all of the presentations available online at [www.naccho.org](http://www.naccho.org).

Montgomery APC exhibited at the recent Disaster Information Symposium held at the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health where they spoke with Disaster Information Specialists.

#### Upcoming:

Montgomery APC and Seattle-King APC will co-presenting a Poster Presentation at the Integrated Training Summit May 1-5, 2011 in Grapevine, Texas titled, Strategies for Partnering with Pharmacies to Support All-Hazard Emergency Preparedness and Response. If you plan to attend, stop by and view the poster.



### Regional Workshop Tour 2011

Along with the seven other APC sites, Montgomery APC will be participating in the upcoming Regional Workshop Tour-the new name for the former Road shows. Montgomery APC is slotted to present along with Toledo-Lucas

**APC Regional Workshops Tour**

Learn. Network. Connect.

**APC** Advanced Practice Centers  
www.naccho.org/apc

April 27-28	June 1-2	June 23-24	August 2-3	New Orleans, LA	Salt Lake City, UT	Portland, ME	Kansas City, MO
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OH APC, Savannah, GA and Las Vegas, NV connector sites respectively, in Portland, Maine from June 23-24. Go to NACCHO's website to learn more about the [Tour and the finalized schedule](#). Travel scholarships are still available!!

## Stay in the Loop!

### APC CONNECTOR SITE UPDATE

Palm Beach County, FL Health Department has been hard at work on the continuous evaluation of the [RX4Prep.org](http://RX4Prep.org) site Montgomery APC developed last year. A new survey will be sent out

next quarter for more feedback to improve the site.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Montgomery APC has several ways to keep current with what is happening. Friend us on our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter (@montgomeryapc).



We also have a NING account set for Public Health Modeling.

To find Montgomery APC tools and resources check out the website [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apc](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apc) or go to [NACCHO's toolbox](#) to search for tools..

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### Boston Translates Montgomery County APC's Flu Prevention and Care Guide

#### Makes Spanish Version Available to All

The DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness provides high quality all-hazards training for public health, healthcare, and public safety personnel in the greater Boston area. The Institute was founded in 2003 and is a program of Boston EMS, a Bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission.

Part of the Institute's mission is to provide preparedness education to the community.

“Lack of preparedness obviously contributes to worsening the impact of a disaster,” says Mea Allen, Senior Program Manager.

“The Institute also provides training to workers in the public health world,” Allen says. This workforce includes hospitals, health centers, and long-term care facilities including an emphasis on groups who serve the homeless, the elderly, and vulnerable cultural groups.

During the H1N1 influenza pandemic of 2009-2010, Allen used Montgomery County APC's *Flu Prevention and Care Guide* in her trainings, but with a twist. The Institute translated the *Guide* into Spanish making it more accessible to the people in their community.

The [Flu Prevention and Care Guide](#) is a one page educational flyer designed to appeal to a wide audience with pictures and minimal text. It is an educational resource for the general public on flu prevention, decreasing the spread of flu, and items that should be collected at home to care for someone who is ill.

In a day-long workshop full of interactive activities Allen and her colleagues trained public health and community workers in flu prevention, vaccine management and dispensing, and other aspects of pandemic mitigation. This workshop was conducted in the train-the-trainer format, so the workforce could go into the community and educate the public. The Institute equipped the workforce with copies of the

English and Spanish version of *Flu Prevention and Care Guide* to hand out in their communities. As a follow up, the Institute then provided the Spanish translation to Montgomery County, allowing the APC to offer the guide in Spanish to all future users.

“People found it (the *Flu Prep Guide*) helpful,” Allen says. When she needs training materials for her public health workforce, “I often go to the APC website. That is one of my frequent stops.”

If you have an example of how you or your organization have implemented a Montgomery APC tool, contact us to be a part of our “Tool Talk” article. We would love to hear from you!

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